

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

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ALBUQUERQUE AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE CIRCULAR NO.93-2

REPORTING FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE

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1. BACKGROUND.

OMB Circular A-123 mandates that assets of all Federal agencies are to be safeguarded against waste, loss and unauthorized use and misappropriation.

The Civil Service Reform Act (CSRA) of 1978 states as one of the "Prohibited Personnel Practices", that any employee who has authority to take, direct others to take, recommend, or approve any personnel actions, shall not, with respect to such authority, take personnel action with respect to any employee, because of reprisal for disclosing information which the employee believes evidences a violation of law or regulation, mismanagement, gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial danger to health or safety, unless such disclosure is prohibited by law or Executive Order.

Further, the Merit Systems Protection Board assures the identity of a complainant will be held in confidence unless the person consents to the disclosure of his/her identity or the investigating authorities determine that disclosure is essential to resolving the matter.

2. PURPOSE.

This circular establishes procedures for reporting evidence of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in all Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service (AAIHS) programs and administrative activities.

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3. POLICY.

All employees of the AAIHS are responsible for reporting fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement to the appropriate authorities without fear of reprisal.

4. PROCEDURE IN REPORTING.

If you have knowledge of any violations of law or regulations of law or regulations affecting AAIHS such as:

- Fraud, mismanagement, and/or waste of funds.
- Standards of conduct violations.
- Conflict of interest.
- Criminal Activity.

All information is **CONFIDENTIAL** and the individual will remain **ANONYMOUS**. He/she may call or write to report the incident to:

CALL or WRITE

Your Immediate Supervisor

Chief, Internal Audit Branch
Office of the Director
Albuquerque Area IHS
Telephone: (505) 766-8332

Albuquerque Area Office
Indian Health Service
505 Marquette NW
Albuquerque, Nm 87102

Director, Division of Personnel
Management
Albuquerque Area IHS
Telephone: (505) 766-2143

Albuquerque Area Office
Indian Health Service
505 Marquette NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

IHS Hotline
Telephone: (301) 443-0658

Indian Health Service
5600 Fisher's Lane
Room 1395
Rockville, MD 20857
Attn: Aaron Poolow

HHS Office of the
Inspector General
Toll Free 24 Hours
1-800-368-5779

OIG Hotline
P.O. Box 17303
Baltimore, MD
21203-7303

5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

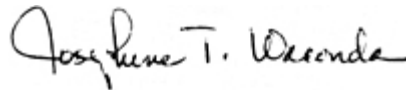
This circular shall be distributed to AAIHS employees and posted in a highly visible place in each AAIHS facility. The manager of General Services will be responsible to post the circular at the AAIHS facility.

6. Reference.

OMB Circular A-123; Merit Systems Protection Board; Civil Service Reform Act (CSRA) of 1978; Public Law 101-12; USC, Title 5, (Section 2302).

7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This circular is effective upon date of signature.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Josephine T. Waconda".

Josephine T. Waconda
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Area Director
Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service